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Does being married really matter? According to the authors Erera, Wilson, and Cherlin being married is a good thing. They provide more positive evidence about raising kids for married couples, rather than a cohabitating couple, or a single-independent person. Also in the information they provide you only really love someone you marry them. Marriage will help in raising a kid and it will also prove your love for someone according to the information given by these authors.

The parenthood of kids in independent homes and cohabitation differ from kids raised from a married couple When you are not married one negative thing is that deciding who gets the kid is as simple as one of the parents just taking the kid this was stated in the article “*Cohabitation instead of Marriage”*. A single parent family are starting to be the pioneers of family diversity and also paving the way for recognition for other families stated by Erera (420). Divorce use to be the most common way of single parenthood.(433) The children born out of wedlock has increased from four percent in 1950’s the all the way to 33% in the 2000’s.(433) Divorce base relationships are more accepted than people never married that go are involved in single parenthood though. The reason they respect a divorce based motherhood more is because they actually gave a marriage try. So society gives them the benefit of the doubt in that situation. But at the same time single motherhood has become more accepted in these times.(433) It’s not like how it used to be back in the day when being married was the best thing ever.

A parent of marriage has a lot better life according to some of the information provided by the authors. A positive mention is that the court makes the decision on who takes the kids if you get divorced for some reason. This helps out the child a lot because the court picks the parent who is best suitable to raise the child. If you have two parents that can offer you a lot more love than just one parent can offer you. This can help a child’s confidence for the simple fact that the love turn into confidence. In the article *What is Family* it says “Children need love, care, and parenting. Also having a father around will make sure that the male child has a man to learn manhood from. Also Erera says that things like income, education, and a supportive social environment are signs of two-parent privileged homes. (424)

These authors also see true love as getting married. To start off in the article *Cohabitation instead of Marriage* it says“marriage makes you better off, because marriage makes you know that someone else no only loves you, but needs you and depends on you. This makes marriage a contract like no other.” Wilson backs him up with saying that if we cohabitate and I stop loving you I could just walk away. Likewise in a marriage you wouldn’t do that because you promised to love and you feel that you can afford to love that person. When you are not married you do things like have separate bank accounts and divide up the expenses. This causes finical stress on somebody and it will end up in break up. When you are married though everything is split straight down the middle and nobody has more money than the other. Wilson says if you really love somebody then there is no reason why you wouldn’t marry them. (431)

In conclusion marriage is the best way to go for many obvious reasons. Like for one it helps raise kids better and second of all it proves that you are truly in love someone. Times are changing though and been married is not as important as it used to be. In low income areas having a child and being a single parent is becoming very acceptable In the information provided it is the best way to keep a stable family.